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# CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS OPERATIONAL CHANGES DUE TO INCREASING COVID-19 CASES



For the safety of our residents, customers and employees, the City of Miami Gardens will be making operational changes amid the ongoing challenges associated with COVID-19. The City will still provide full services in the following manner:

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/PLANNING & ZONING**

- In-person services will be available at City Hall at 50% capacity while exercising social distancing. MASKS REQUIRED.
- The drop-off area for large plans will be reinstated in the vestibule of the east entrance of City Hall.
- Online payments, via the City's website, are strongly encouraged or via credit card or check at the cashier.
- Permit applications for single review disciplines must be submitted by email to [cmgonlinepermit@miamigardens-fl.gov](mailto:cmgonlinepermit@miamigardens-fl.gov) with ALL attachments.
- For in-person services, customers are encouraged to use the Q-Less App to receive a place in line to reduce the traffic in the City Hall lobby.
- If you have questions, please call Development Services at (305) 622-8027, or Planning & Zoning at (305) 622-8000 ext. 2672.

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

- Parks and Recreation will continue servicing the community while exercising social distancing.
- New indoor & outdoor rentals will be limited in size to ensure social distancing and COVID-19 protocols are followed.
- Some activities will be postponed or modified for the safety of all participants and City employees.
- Afterschool programs will continue in-person and will observe all social distancing and masks protocols. Adults/parents will continue to pick up their children outside the facility.
- Virtual programming may be implemented where necessary.
- For questions related to Parks & Recreation, please call (305) 622-8080.

## **MIAMI GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Personnel and resources will be reassigned as necessary to ensure public safety remains a priority.
- The Property and Records Unit will operate at 50% capacity.
- The Q-Less App will be used to process report requests. Citizens will not be allowed to congregate in the lobby area.
- For non-emergency assistance, please call (305) 474-6473. Please call 911 for all emergencies.

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The City Council meeting will continue to be streamed live on the City's website via the Agenda Web Portal at <https://miamigardens.civicweb.net/Portal/Video.aspx> and **YouTube Live** as the City Council Chambers will be closed to the public. An exemption will be made for the allowance of one individual at a time to enter Council Chambers in order to address the City Council during the Open Public Comment portion of the City Council meeting, on a particular item, or during a quasi-judicial public hearing. Zoom will be available as an additional means for public participation. **Any member of the public who wishes to provide public comment can do so by pre-registering with the City Clerk at least one hour prior to the meeting by emailing [mbataille@miamigardens-fl.gov](mailto:mbataille@miamigardens-fl.gov).**

## **PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE CURRENT CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) GUIDELINES**

People with COVID-19 should isolate for 5 days and if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), follow that by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter. The guidelines are motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to the onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after.

For people who are unvaccinated or are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted, the CDC recommends quarantine for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days. Alternatively, if a 5-day quarantine is not feasible, it is imperative that an exposed person wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for 10 days after exposure. Individuals who have received their booster shot do not need to quarantine following an exposure, but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure. For all those exposed, best practice would also include a test for SARS-CoV-2 at day 5 after exposure. If symptoms occur, individuals should immediately quarantine until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19.

Isolation relates to behavior after a confirmed infection. Isolation for 5 days followed by wearing a well-fitting mask will minimize the risk of spreading the virus to others. Quarantine refers to the time following exposure to the virus or close contact with someone known to have COVID-19. Both updates come as the Omicron variant continues to spread throughout the U.S. and reflects the current science on when and for how long a person is maximally infectious. These recommendations do not supersede state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, nor do they apply to healthcare workers for whom CDC has updated guidance.

### **IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 (ISOLATE)**

**Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.**

- Stay home for 5 days.
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

**If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.**

### **IF YOU WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH COVID-19 (QUARANTINE)**

**IF YOU:** Have been boosted **OR** Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months **OR** Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.

**If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.**

**IF YOU:** Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted **OR** Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted  
**OR** Are unvaccinated

- Stay home for 5 days. After that, continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you can't quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days.
- Test on day 5 if possible.

**If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.**